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PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KUANDA FROM
PRESIDENT CARTER. THE MESSAGE SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE TREATED
AS A PERSONAL LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT. THE AMBASSADOR IS, HOW-
EVER, AUTHORIZED TO QUOTE THE PRESIDENT DIRECTLY.

BEGIN MESSAGE:

MR. PRESIDENT:

IN VIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE CONCERNING A RHODESIAN
SETTLEMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF MY THOUGHTS ON
THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS CONFRONTING US AS WE PURSUE OUR COMMON OB-
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JECTIVES.

I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE BRITISH
SHOULD REMAIN ENGAGED AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE WITH YOU, YOUR FRONT
LINE COLLEAGUES, AND THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS IN ORDER TO BRING
INDEPENDENCE AND MAJORITY RULE TO ZIMBABWE AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
MOMENT.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS MET IN LONDON NOVEMBER 14 TO DISCUSS THE OUTCOME OF THE CARVER-CHAND MISSION AND TO CONSIDER OUR NEXT STEPS. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS BEEN INVITED TO MALTA AND, IF THEY AGREE TO ATTEND, WE WILL DISCUSS FURTHER WITH THEM THE FULL RANGE OF QUESTIONS INVOLVING THE TRANSITION, THE CONSTITUTION, AND THE FUTURE ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ARMY.

I WANT TO REAFFIRM MY BELIEF THAT ADHERENCE TO THE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF THE UK-US PROPOSALS CONTINUES TO BE THE BEST AVENUE TO A JUST AND WORKABLE SETTLEMENT.

WE INTEND TO PRESS OUR EFFORTS TO ELABORATE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE PROPOSALS DISCUSSED WITH THE FRONT LINE AT LUSAKA IN A MANNER ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THE LEADERS OF ZIMBABWE, AND TO SECURE, WITHOUT DELAY, A TURNOVER OF POWER BY THE SMITH REGIME. IN THIS, THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS CONSIDER YOUR SUPPORT, AND THAT OF THE OTHER FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS, INDISPENSABLE TO SUCCESS. I REALIZE SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES YOU FACE, AND I HAVE APPRECIATED YOUR SUPPORT. I VERY MUCH WANT TO STAY IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH YOU AND TO CONTINUE TO EXCHANGE IDEAS.

JIMMY CARTER
END MESSAGE. UNQTE VANCE

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